

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!

From a Provincial Point of View

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NORTHERN LIGHTS!



The Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis ... this natural phenomenon is a breathtaking sight to behold and we had the opportunity to experience the beauty this past week.

Some fascinating facts about Northern Lights:

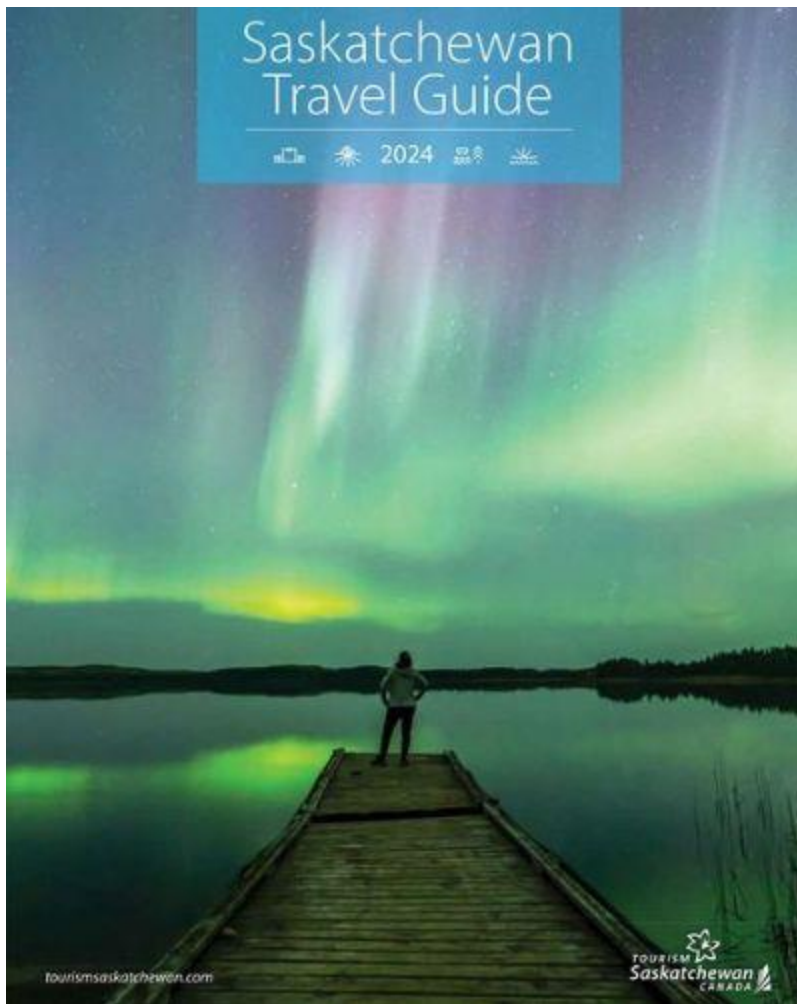
- Best viewing time: Late August to early April, when the nights are dark enough to

view the spectacle.

- **Peak season:** December to March, when the nights are longest and darkest.
- **Best viewing locations:** head to areas with minimal light pollution, such as national parks, remote lakes, or designated dark-sky preserves.
- **Colors:** Shades of green, blue, and red, depending on the energy of the particles and altitude.
- **Science behind it:** Charged particles from the sun interact with Earth's magnetic field and atmosphere, causing the spectacular display.
- **Indigenous significance:** Many Indigenous cultures consider the Northern Lights a spiritual phenomenon, often associated with ancestors, spirits, or mystical powers.
- **Photography tips:** Use a tripod, wide-angle lens, and long exposure settings to capture the moment.

Saskatchewan's Northern Lights & Waterways travel zone offers plenty of opportunities to experience this natural wonder. Download the 2024 Saskatchewan Travel Guide for more information and start planning your adventure! See link below in this newsletter.

SASKATCHEWAN TRAVEL GUIDE



Adventure is out there!

Have you picked up your copy of the 2024 Saskatchewan Travel Guide? It's chock-full of places to go and things to do!

Adventure in Saskatchewan's Northern Lights and Waterways.

Find freedom in our Unlimited Lakes and Parkland.

Be curious in our Prairie Lights and City Lights.

Get wild in our Living Skies and Badlands.

Download your free travel guide below, or swing by your nearest visitor's center or

tourism operator and pick up a printed copy.

<https://bit.ly/3VE65Fe>

SASKATOON EX AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!



Congratulations to Saskatoon Prairieland Park CEO, Dan Kemppainen and his team, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers for the outstanding success of the Saskatoon Ex.

Over 50,000 people attended the Saskatoon Ex on Saturday and had a record attendance.

34 NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SPACES OPEN IN SASKATOON



Vulnerable individuals at risk of homelessness in Saskatoon now have access to newly renovated, supportive housing units through a partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Crocus Co-operative.

"Through the Provincial Approach to Homelessness, the Government of Saskatchewan is developing supportive housing options to improve the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness," Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky said. "This partnership will provide housing options and supports that will meet the needs of vulnerable people in Saskatoon."

[34 New Supportive Housing Spaces Open in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN SEES STRONG EXPORT GROWTH NTO 2024 REACHING NEW MARKETS

Q1, April to June, 2024



Saskatchewan is reporting several new international successes for the first quarter (Q1) of the 2024-25 fiscal year. These are leading to new opportunities, more jobs, and increased investment for the benefit of people and businesses in Saskatchewan.

"Saskatchewan continues to reach new heights on the global stage," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "We are seeing record investment and global partnerships thanks to the work we have put in abroad, including the role of our international office network. We are proud to tell Saskatchewan's story on the world stage, while bringing new opportunities home to the people of our province."

The international office network has been working hard to promote the Saskatchewan Advantage to new markets and partners. This has resulted in significant gains in global markets.

[Saskatchewan Sees Strong Export Growth Into 2024 Reaching New Markets Internationally](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

PROVINCE ENHANCING CANCER TREATMENT SAFETY THROUGH GENOTYPING



The Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) are launching a genome testing program to improve the safety of Saskatchewan cancer patients receiving chemotherapy treatment.

Patients eligible for treatment with fluoropyrimidine-based drugs who may face severe or life-threatening side effects can now have in-province DPYD genotyping done before starting their treatment. This test identifies genetic variants in the DPYD

gene, which affects the production of the DPD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) enzyme.

"Screening for these genetic variants can help improve treatment outcomes for Saskatchewan cancer patients," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "The introduction of DPYD genome testing shows our commitment to both precision medicine and patient safety. By making this a standard part of oncology practice, health-care providers can better manage treatment plans and potential complications."

[Province Enhancing Cancer Treatment Safety Through Genotyping | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

BE BEAR AWARE THIS SUMMER



Summer is a great time for people to be outdoors, enjoying the weather and all that nature has to offer in our beautiful province. However, it's also an important time for black bears to maintain and build their fat stores in preparation for winter.

Black bears are common across much of Saskatchewan, and it is normal to see black bears in the wild.

They are intelligent and ruled by their stomachs; if they cannot find food in one area, they will move along to another. You can reduce the likelihood of human-bear conflict by keeping spaces such as yards and campsites free of attractants like garbage, un-cleaned barbecues, bird feeders and pet food.

[Be Bear Aware This Summer | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

STUDY IN SASKATCHEWAN



Are you looking to start your post-secondary journey in Saskatchewan? Our province's beautiful landscapes and world-class education opportunities await.

Saskatchewan has study permits available. Future international students will receive a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) after being accepted into a Saskatchewan designated learning institution. You'll need the PAL, your acceptance letter, and other documentation when applying for your study permit.

For more information on Saskatchewan study permits, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../inter.../study/study-permits>.

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Open Educational Resources



Did you know free textbooks and academic resources are available to [#skstudents](#) at the [University of Saskatchewan](#), [University of Regina](#) and [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#)?

Students can access Open Educational Resources for some courses through their post-secondary institution's website to help save money on books and other course material.

Ask your institution for more information on what types of resources are available and where to access them.

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCE MAJOR INVESTMENT TO PURCHASE MORE WILDFIRE EQUIPMENT AND INCREASE RESILIENCE TO WILDFIRES



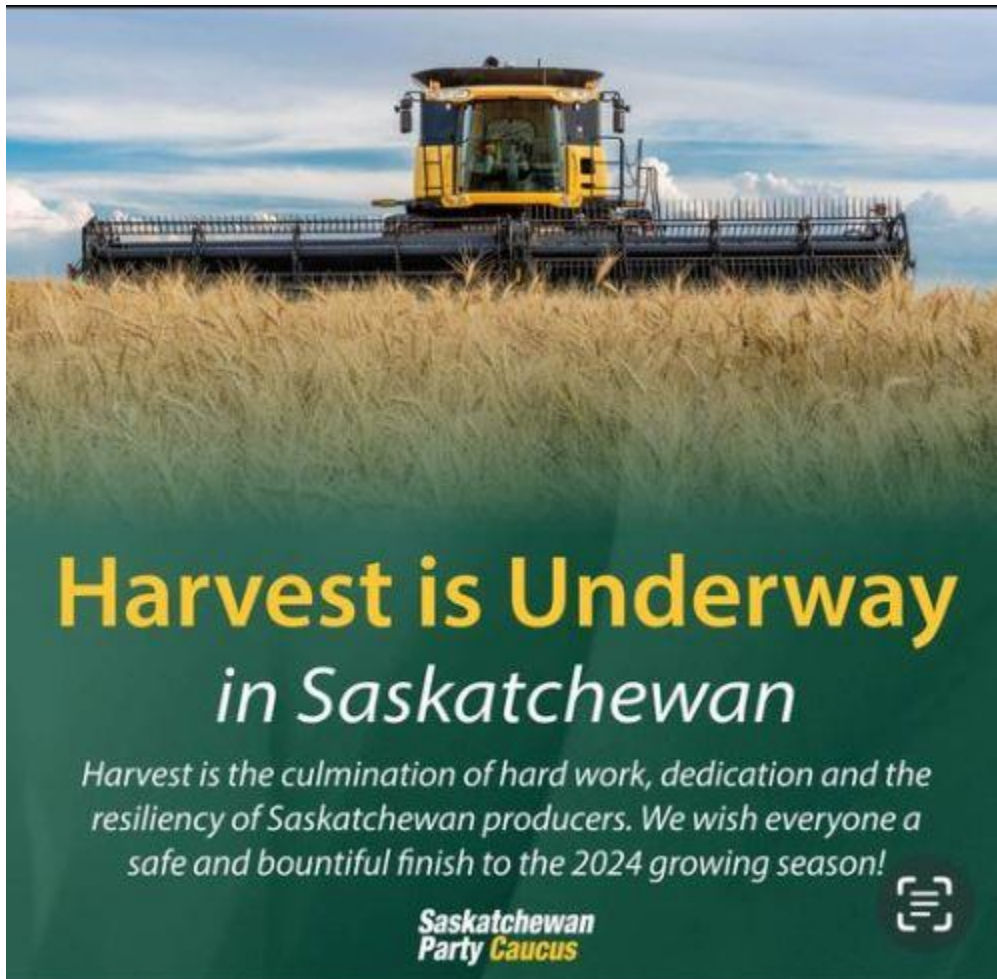
With another challenging wildfire season underway and wildfires increasing in frequency and severity across Canada - impacting our health, economies, communities and wildlife - the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are supporting Canadians and residents of Saskatchewan who are threatened by wildfires. For the remainder of the 2024 wildfire season, Saskatchewan is forecasted to experience above-average wildfire activity.

Today, Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson, with Saskatchewan Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman, announced a joint investment of over \$47.7 million over five years under the Government of Canada's [Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program \(FMWCC\) Equipment Fund](#) and the [Resilient Communities through FireSmart \(RCF\) Program](#).

A joint investment of \$44.8 million through the FMWCC - Equipment Fund will support Saskatchewan's efforts to purchase wildland firefighting equipment such as handheld two-way radios, protection sprinklers and hoses, and flotation and protection pumps and pump kits. Both Canada and Saskatchewan are providing \$22.4 million each over five years. This funding will further improve fire management efforts in Saskatchewan by procuring and upgrading specialized wildland firefighting equipment and by hiring and training personnel to better prepare for and respond to wildfires. This will enhance safety for communities and firefighters and improve the sharing of resources across Canada. Funding is already flowing, and the province has purchased equipment that is already helping fire fighters in battling wildfires this season.

[Canada and Saskatchewan Announce Major Investment to Purchase More Wildfire Equipment and Increase Resilience to Wildfires | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WISHING OUR FARMERS A SAFE HARVEST!



Saskatchewan producers are known around the world as sustainable and reliable suppliers of high-quality, nutritious and safe agri-food products. With a 27 per cent increase in agri-food export volume in 2023, we hope to continue this strong and vibrant trend with a successful harvest.

[2024 Harvest Season Underway in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN VETERANS SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM SEES RECORD RESPONSE IN 2024/25



The Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program has been fully subscribed for 2024-25 in a single intake, providing grants up to \$30,000 to 81 veterans' organizations throughout the province.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to invest \$1.5 million annually to support Legion branches, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans units and other registered non-profit organizations that support our Saskatchewan veterans in the province," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Veterans service clubs are so important, they enrich our communities, preserve local history and work tirelessly on behalf of veterans who have faithfully served our province and our country. We thank them for their continued efforts, and look forward to continuing this work."

[Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program Sees Record Response in 2024/25 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WILDBERRY PICKING SURVIVAL KIT

Wildberry Picking Survival Kit



emergency blanket



matches



bottled water



lighter



flagging tape



whistle

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Don't wander off the trail without your Wildberry Picking Survival Kit!

Whether you're experienced or new to foraging, these must-haves will keep you safe when veering off a main path. ✨ Plus, all of these items cost \$10 or less

▶ **Flagging tape:** mark your path.

📢 **Whistle:** attract attention if needed.

🔥 **Lighter & Waterproof Matches:** if waiting for rescuers, start a fire to keep warm.

💧 **Bottled Water:** stay hydrated.

🛖 **Emergency Blanket:** fits in your pocket and can shield you from rain and wind, and provide warmth.

SASKATCHEWAN ADDS NEARLY 23,000 JOBS, LEADS NATION IN GROWTH



Leading the Nation in Job Growth

- 22,900 new jobs added year-over-year in July
- Lowest unemployment rate among provinces at 5.4%

**Saskatchewan
Party Caucus**

Statistics Canada Shows Historic Job Growth and Lowest Unemployment Rate in Canada

Statistics Canada's latest labour force numbers show that Saskatchewan added 22,900 new jobs year-over-year in the month of July, ranking second among provinces in terms of percentage change at 3.9 per cent. This is the largest number of jobs added year-over-year since July 2022. Saskatchewan has the lowest unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, among provinces at 5.4 per cent, well below the national average of 6.4 per cent.

"Saskatchewan's lowest in the nation unemployment rate and record job growth continues to demonstrate the strength of our provincial economy " Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government will continue working alongside our job creators and making targeted investments to ensure we are filling the thousands of jobs being created across the province."

[Saskatchewan Adds Nearly 23,000 Jobs, Leads Nation in Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT OF THE SASKATOON POLICE SERVICE



The Saskatoon Police Service announced the recovery of Mackenzie Lee Trottier, whose remains were discovered in the City of Saskatoon landfill on July 30.

"It is with heavy hearts that the Government of Saskatchewan extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mackenzie Lee Trottier," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman said. "We truly hope the Trottier family may now be able to find some closure amid this tragedy."

The investigation, which began on May 1 and was initially planned to last a month but was extended until her remains were fully recovered on Aug. 1, is estimated to have cost \$1.5 million. The Government of Saskatchewan will provide \$1 million to help cover the costs of the Saskatoon Police Service's investigation. We will work with the City of Saskatoon and the federal government to ensure their budget and ability to deliver high quality policing services are not impacted.

[Government Recognizes Exceptional Effort of the Saskatoon Police Service | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ECO-FRIENDLY BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS



As a new school year approaches, let's make sustainable choices for our kids' supplies! Here are some ideas:

1. **Reuse Last Year's Supplies:** Check if your kids still have last year's pens, pencils, notebooks or backpacks. Reusing them reduces waste and saves money!
2. **Recycled Materials:** Whenever possible, buy products made from recycled materials. Think recycled paper, erasers made with recycled rubber, scissors made with recycled plastic and upcycled pencil cases.
3. **Walk or Bike to School:** Encourage walking, biking or carpooling to reduce emissions. It's a great way to stay active too!
4. **Second-hand Shopping:** Explore thrift stores or online platforms for second-hand school supplies, backpacks and shoes. It's budget-friendly and reduces waste.

LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS





Lightning Safety Tips



saskpublicsafety.ca



Lightning storms can be thrilling to watch, but safety comes first! Here are some quick tips to keep you and your loved ones safe:

-  **If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning.**
-  **Seek shelter inside a house, large building or a hard-topped vehicle right away.**
-  **Avoid using plumbing, landlines or any electronics that are in direct contact with electricity.**
-  **In Canada, lightning causes 180 injuries each year, often affecting those in open spaces or seeking shelter under trees.**

 **For more information, check out our lightning safety fact sheet: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/124156>**

DID YOU KNOW?

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Our forecast for Saskatchewan (SK) remains one of the best of any province. Ongoing work on the multibillion-dollar phase 1 of the Jansen potash mine—the largest project in the province’s history—anchors that view as it should continue to help offset the drag from higher interest rates in the quarters ahead. Moreover, a particularly tight labour market limits the scope for job losses in the coming months and rising uranium production should complement steady oil output gains.

Desjardins
Provincial Outlook | August 12, 2024



Premier Scott Moe, "Another independent forecaster says SK’s economy will continue to be one of the leaders in Canada. A strong economy means a bright future for everyone in Saskatchewan."

SASKATCHEWAN HIGHWAYS

Customer Service Centre

Questions or concerns about:

- Highway signs
- Work Zones
- Ditch mowing
- Road Conditions

1-844-SK-HIWAY

Saskatchewan

saskatchewan.ca/highways

Do you have questions or concerns about highway signs, Work Zones or anything else highway related?

Contact Highways' Customer Service through their online portal.

File an inquiry: https://govskprod.service-now.com/hi?id=hi_index...



The province's ditch mowing program is underway.

Please watch for equipment working adjacent to the highway. Contractors will mow the width of ditches along all four-lane highways. Heavily travelled two-lane highways will receive a 12-metre cut and less travelled, secondary highways will receive an eight-metre cut. All other highways will be mowed as required to ensure good visibility and weed control.

Mowing is dependent on weather and contractor schedules, so we appreciate your patience.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../ditch-mowing-and-hay-salvage>

UPCOMING EVENTS

AMAZING THINGS TO DO IN SASKATOON!



Why should you visit Saskatoon? We could give you 100 reasons, but we will let our friend [Wandering Wagars - Adventure Family Travel](#) explain.

YXE URBAN GAMES AUGUST 16 - 18



Make sure you download the full event schedule for this weekend! It's going to be action-packed and full of energy!

You can now download the full event schedule for #YXEUrbanGames!

Download the full schedule HERE 🖱️: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/yxe-urban-games>



<https://ow.ly/Twhp50SV0HQ>

YOUR FUN FILLED WEEKEND GUIDE!



WEEKEND GUIDE

WEEKEND GUIDE | Summer is NOT over. This weekend, there is even more fun coming your way!

You can check out the first-ever YXE Urban Games all weekend long.

Or do a little world travel this weekend with [Saskatoon Folkfest](#)

Of course, we can't forget about the Rock 102 Show and Shine downtown!

Find more information about these and more here:

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

PLEASE SUPPORT KIDSPORT





KidSport Saskatoon provides grants to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids ages 5-18 years in Saskatoon can play a season of sport.

The Saskatoon chapter accepts applications and administers grants of up to \$500 per child/year, for kids who live in Saskatoon. If you live outside of Saskatoon please contact the [Provincial Office](#) to find your nearest chapter, or to get support through the Provincial Fund.

A FEW REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS





GET A BIGGER WAGON PRODUCTIONS  **EDWARDS**
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2024 GET A BIGGER WAGON YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

presented by Edwards School of Business and the Annual Haddock Entrepreneurial Speaker Series

**If you have your own business,
live in Saskatchewan, and are
between 7 and 18 years of age,
we want to hear from you!**

Entering is simple:

- * Contact entrepreneurs@getabiggerwagon.com for application forms, fill them out, and submit them between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30.
- * Make a one to two minute video telling our judges what you do, make, or sell and how long you have been in business. Add a brief written description of your business and complete the profit and expense form.

Need Help? Contact:
entrepreneurs@getabiggerwagon.com
www.getabiggerwagon.com

**ENTER TO
WIN CASH PRIZES!**
Age of entrants as of Dec. 31, 2024
determines category placement.

7-9 years	- \$500
10-12 years	- \$750
13-15 years	- \$1000
16-18 years	- \$1500

A new cash award of \$1500 is available for youth business clubs or classrooms, called **Sailing the Entrepreneur Ship.** 

CONTEST BEGINS SEPT. 1, 2024
SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO
ENTREPRENEURS@GETABIGGERWAGON.COM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS
NOVEMBER 30, 2024

1. This competition is open only to Saskatchewan youth aged 7 to 18.
2. Cash prizes total at least \$5500.
3. The contest opens on September 1 and closes on November 30. The awards presentation is in early January in affiliation with the Haddock Entrepreneurial Speaker Series presentation, which is now in its 18th year.
4. Every applicant learns a lot, meets young and experienced entrepreneurial people, and is invited to attend the Edwards School of Business event. Many perseverant youngsters apply two or three times before winning a prize.
5. Applicants can watch the past 6 years of winning youth entries [HERE](#). This helps them communicate clearly about their businesses.

Saskatoon Pirates Water Polo Club

WATER POLO CLINICS

FREE ADMISSION
Ages 6-14 are welcome!

August 17th, 10-11AM
At Mayfair Pool




August 18th, 10-11AM
At George Ward Pool

Aug 30 & 31st and Sept 1st, 11AM - 12PM
At Riversdale Pool

[Register Online Now](#)

Drop-ins welcome! However, a parent/guardian must accompany children to sign waivers on the clinic day.

Bring your bathing suit and a friend!



Check out this excellent opportunity for children!

WORKING FOR YOU



As we continue this work to continue building and protecting a strong Saskatchewan, I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to reach out to my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

JUST THE LINKS



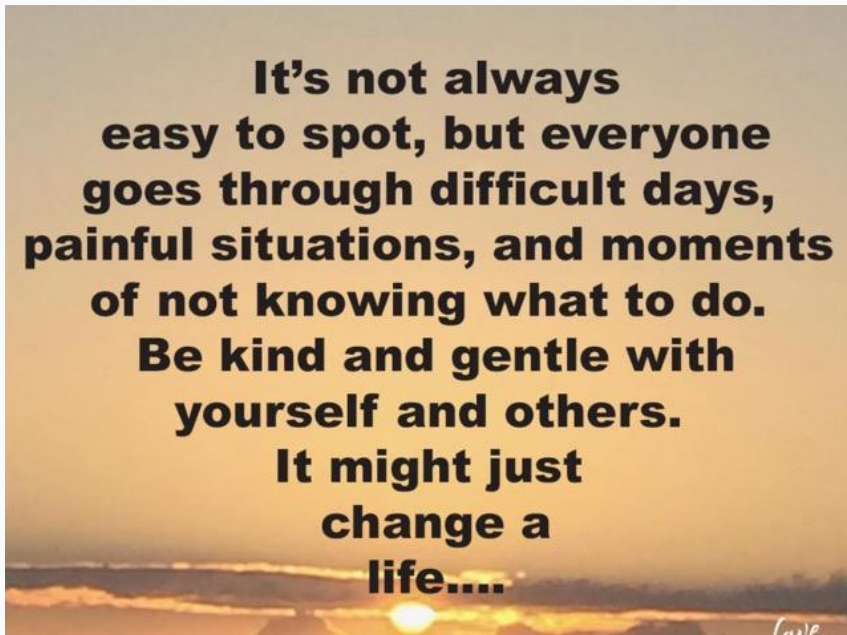
[Minister Wilkinson Announces New Investments in Critical Minerals in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Provinces Call on the Federal Government to Reverse Harmful Capital Gains Changes for the Agriculture Sector | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[\\$40 Million Highway 5 Project Reaches Midway Point | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Workplace Injury of Two Workers Results in \\$95,000 Fine | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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